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SUBJECT: SAHARA DEVELOPMENTS

REF: RABAT 4859 (NOTAL)

1. FONMIN LARAKI'S STATEMENT THAT ICJ WILL ISSUE ITS ADVISORY
OPINION ON SAHARA BEFORE OCTOBER 15 IS HEADLINED IN OCTOBER 11
SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS. STATEMENT REPORTEDLY MADE IN BBC AND
RADIO MONTE CARLO INTERVIEW GRANTED IN NEW YORK.

2. KING'S ARRIVAL OCTOBER 9 IN MARRAKECH ALSO FRONTPAGED IN
OCTOBER 11 PAPER. NO ELABORATION AS TO REASON FOR MOVE
PROVIDED, HOWEVER. ISTIQLAL'S L'OPINION SAYS KING EXPECTED
TO REMAIN IN MARRAKECH ABOUT A WEEK.

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3. IN OTHER, UN-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, INITIAL MOROCCAN REACTION TO ALGERIAN FONMIN'S UNGA COMMENTS ON SAHARA (USUN 4952) PREDICTABLY NEGATIVE. OCTOBER 11 SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS CHARACTERIZED SPEECH AS SHOWING SUPPORT, "PURE AND SIMPLE", FOR SPANISH COLONIALISM. PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF "THE" THREE SAHARAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS - FLU, PUNS, AND MOREHOB - REQUESTING TO BE HEARD BY UN FOURTH COMMITTEE AND HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO PRESS THEIR CASE (SEE RABAT 4729 NOTAL). ASSUME PUNS "REPRESENTATIVE" IS ONE OF RECENT DEFECTORS TO GOM SIDE.

4. COMMENT: SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS THUS MAINTAINING HEAVY PRESS PLAY ON SAHARA AND HIGH LEVEL OF EXPECTANCY AS ICJ ADVISORY OPINION BECOMES INCREASINGLY IMMINENT.
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